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SUBJECT: US- JAPAN SHIPPING MEETING, TOKYO, APRIL 12-13,
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REF: (A) TOKYO 3298; (B) STATE A-2381, MARCH 17, 1973
AND PREVIOUS

1. CHAIRMAN BENTLEY AND FOUR OFFICIALS OF THE FEDERAL
MARITIME COMMISSION PLAN TO MEET WITH TORU SAHARA,
DIRECTOR- GENERAL, SHIPPING BUREAU, JAPANESE MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORT ET AL. IN TOKYO, APRIL 12-13 TO CONTINUE SHIPPING
DISCUSSIONS BEGUN AT SAN FRANCISCO IN JANUARY. THERE WILL
BE NO FORMAL AGENDA AS THE PURPOSE OF THE TALKS IS TO
REVIEW CONTINUING SHIPPING PROBLEMS (SETFORTH IN REF B)
AND ANY INTERIM DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE JANUARY TALKS.
DEVELOPMENTS THAT WILL NO DOUBT BE NOTED AND DISCUSSED ARE
THE DECISION OF SIX JAPANESE STEAMSHIP LINES TO DEFER
CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECTED PD CARGO CENTERS IN THE OI
DISTRICT, TOKYO (TOKYO 3019) AND THE RECENT CANCELLING
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BY FOUR JAPANESE STEAMSHIP LINES (NKY, MITSUI, K AND JAPAN)
OF THEIR LOW FAK CONTAINER TARIFF RATES (Y- S LINES
INCREASED ITS FAK RATES TO CONFERENCE TARIFF LEVEL) WHICH
HAVE DIVERTED CARGO FROM THE US- AUSTRALIA TRADE (PAGES 1
AND 2, REF B). FMC DELEGATION ALSO PLANS TO PURSUE
QUESTION OF FORMULA FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF KOBE AGREEMENT
(PAGE 4 OF CEILING); TOOL,

2,006 MT (110.8 PERCENT OF CEILING); AND ALLOY, 180,595
MT (115.8 PERCENT OF CEILING). THESE FIGURES EXPECTED
TO CHANGE SLIGHTLY WHEN 1972 DATE OF EXPORT DATA FOR
FEBRUARY AND MARCH IMPORTS BECOMES AVAILABLE.

4. JANUARY 1973 ISSUE OF COMMERCE' S " STEEL IMPORT DATA"
(IMPORTS BY DATE OF IMPORT) INCORRECTLY SHOWS JANUARY 1973
IMPORTS OF JAPANESE TOOL STEEL OF 577 NET TONS. (WE
HAVE ALREADY SENT THIS PUBLICATION TO JAPANESE INDUSTRY
THROUGH STITT.) CORRECT FIGURE SHOULD READ APPROX 174
NET TONS, AND CUMULATIVE 1973 FIGURE IN FEBRUARY " STEEL
IMPORT DATA" WILL REFLECT THIS REVISION.

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